



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.6  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 14% very short, 22% short, 53% adequate and 11% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Spring plowing and planting continued, but dry conditions put a limitation on some field activities last week. Many soybean producers were waiting for moisture to continue planting. In South Louisiana dry weather caused some irrigation canals to get too salty. Many rice producers had to flush fields with water to get seed to germinate. Corn planting was practically completed, while cotton planting was getting underway. Sorghum planting continued, well ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Wheat headed was far ahead of the 5-year average, jumping to 89 percent. Sugarcane producers applied herbicides and fertilizers to fields.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Strawberry harvest continued. Vegetable producers continued planting and working crops, but they were in desperate need of water. Crawfish were still producing good yields.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Calving season continued. Cattlemen cut hay and fertilized pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	90	78	77	76
Corn	Planted	99	95	97	94
	Emerged	92	55	73	71
Cotton	Planted	6	N/A	4	3
Hay	First Cutting	2	N/A	0	3
Rice	Planted	67	57	64	57
	Emerged	38	N/A	9	24
Sorghum	Planted	82	71	40	30
	Emerged	48	N/A	0	1
Soybeans	Planted	9	2	15	5
Winter Wheat	Headed	89	65	25	68

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	1	1	31	66	1
Sugarcane	1	14	36	36	13
Winter Wheat	0	1	25	68	6
Livestock	1	7	40	46	6
Vegetables	1	9	40	45	5
Pasture	1	14	44	35	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/04/11 TO 04/10/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	86	39	64	62	0.71	1.15	8.04	15.20
Minden	89	37	67	61	0.76	1.33	9.29	16.63
Mooringsport	88	39	68	MM	1.33	1.50	10.30	14.01
Shreveport South	(90)	38	68	MM	0.85	1.14	8.98	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	90	37	68	62	0.98	1.32	9.14	15.52
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	89	35	69	62	0.00	0.57	8.03	17.92
Homer/Hill Farm	90	32	66	61	0.94	1.17	10.42	16.91
Extreme/Average	90	32	MM	62	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	17.86
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	88	41	67	61	0.89	2.19	14.10	19.41
LSU-St Joseph	86	42	65	63	0.87	4.04	19.43	19.41
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	62	1.32	6.28	18.65	18.65
Tallulah	87	43	69	62	1.76	4.63	18.39	19.28
Extreme/Average	88	41	67	63	0.89	2.19	14.10	19.11
4. West-Central								
Leesville	88	34	69	63	0.08	1.03	10.29	17.11
Ashland	89	(31)	66	61	0.09	0.52	10.04	17.22
Hodges Gardens	89	41	68	MM	0.50	1.10	10.60	16.97
Extreme/Average	89	31	68	63	0.22	0.88	10.17	16.90
5. Central								
Alexandria	88	42	67	64	0.86	2.46	12.26	18.44
Bunkie	87	42	69	64	0.50	2.99	11.30	18.95
LSU-Alexandria	MM	MM	MM	63	0.83	2.99	11.96	17.66
New Roads 5 NE	88	44	69	64	0.37	0.65	11.66	18.70
Extreme/Average	88	42	69	65	0.50	2.99	11.30	18.37
6. East-Central								
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	64	0.58	1.68	15.05	19.79
Slidell	83	44	68	65	0.55	1.41	9.97	19.01
Extreme/Average	83	44	68	65	0.55	1.41	MM.MM	19.52
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	88	39	69	64	0.31	2.91	11.12	17.63
Jennings	86	42	69	65	0.20	1.08	11.45	15.73
LSU-Crowley	MM	MM	MM	65	0.10	0.33	9.20	16.19
Oberlin Fire Tow	87	40	69	66	0.60	2.47	9.70	18.34
Extreme/Average	88	39	69	66	0.37	2.15	10.58	15.78
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	87	44	68	65	0.69	3.95	11.53	17.44
LSU-Jeanerette	MM	MM	MM	65	0.12	0.57	7.56	15.42
Morgan City	82	49	69	66	0.10	1.00	7.19	16.30
Lafayette	87	45	69	66	0.08	0.94	10.70	16.81
Extreme/Average	87	44	69	66	0.29	1.96	9.81	16.31
9. Southeast								
Galliano	83	43	70	66	0.40	3.40	14.57	17.48
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	67	0.12	0.35	7.61	17.16
Extreme/Average	83	43	70	67	0.26	3.40	MM.MM	17.84
State Averages	90	31	69	64	0.49	2.19	10.94	17.06

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 10, 2011

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